

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Saavedra et al.

Group Art Unit: 1502

Serial No. 08/344,157

Examiner: P. Kulkosky

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For: BIOPOLYMER-BOUND NITRIC
OXIDE-RELEASING
COMPOSITIONS,
PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITIONS INCORPORATING
SAME AND METHODS OF
TREATING BIOLOGICAL
DISORDERS USING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 28, 29, and 30 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 5, and 8-14 as follows:

1. (Amended) A polymeric composition capable of releasing nitric oxide [under physiological conditions], said composition